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Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)

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Washington, DC 20231

Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- ☐ continuation
☐ continuation-in-part
☒ divisional

application of pending prior Application No. 08/240,877, filed on May 11, 1994, which is a division of Application No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/891,289, now abandoned.

Inventor(s): Daniel A. Japuntich, Vaughn B. Grannis, Harold J. Seppala, and Anthony B. Ferguson

Title: Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. ☐ Enclosed is a new specification.
5. ☒ Enclosed are two sheet(s) of drawings.
6. ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a continuation of Application No. _____ filed ____.
8. ☐ Please cancel claims _____.
9. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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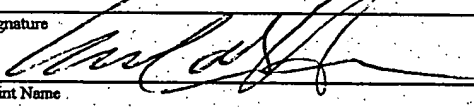
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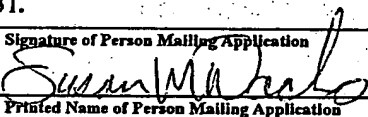
Claims As Filed, After Accounting For Any Claims Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 8 Or 9 Above					
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12. An assignment
- ☐ to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
 - ☐ from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.
 - ☐ to _____ is enclosed along with a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
13. ☐ A power of attorney is enclosed.
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15. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 8-10, delete the sentence that was inserted in that location and replace it with the following:

This is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/240,877 filed May 11, 1994, which is a division of Application No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07891,289, now abandoned.